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SUBJECT: US AIRLIFT NEPALESE UNIFIL CONTINGENT

REFS: (A) USUN 1253 PASEP; (B) KATHMANDU 1775 PASEP

1. THE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) HAS BEEN TASKED TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR NEPALESE UNIFIL CONTINGENT FROM NEPAL TO TEL AVIV. THE MOVEMENT WILL CONSIST OF AN ESTIMATED -LEVEN C-141 AIRCRAFT MOVING 642 TROOPS AND BAGGAGE, AND CARGO TO INCLUDE SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION. EXCEPT FOR ADVANCE PARTY (REFTEL A AS MODIFIED BY REFTEL B) MOVEMENT OF THE TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 12 APRIL 78, AND WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF TWO MISSIONS EACH DAY, UNTIL THE AIRLIFT IS COMPLETE.

2. MAC PROPOSES TO ROUTE THE C-141 AIRCRAFT AS FOLLOWS:

DEPART ---- OVERFLY -- ARRIVE -- PURPOSE

TEHRAN --- PAKISTAN NEW DELHI REFUEL  
NEW DELHI ----- KATHMANDU CREWREST/ONLOAD  
KATHMANDU ----- NEW DELHI REFUEL

NEW DELHI --PAKISTAN-- TEHRAN---- CREW CHANGE/REFUEL  
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TEHRAN ---- TURKEY --- TEL AVIV OFFLOAD

IT IS INTENDED THAT ALL OPERATIONS BETWEEN KATHMANDU, NEW DELHI AND TEHRAN WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

3. FOR KATHMANDU: MAC HAS PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY OBTAINING BORDER CLEARANCE BY NEPALESE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AUTHORITIES WHICH CAUSES AIRCRAFT TO ENTER HOLDING PATTERNS IN INDIA PRIOR TO PROCEEDING. REQUEST YOU ASK HOST OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE BORDER CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR THIS OPERATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UN SECRETARIAT HAS RAISED OR WILL RAISE THIS POINT WITH NEPALESE MISSION IN NEW YORK. AS INDICATED REFTEL MAC WILL SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO KATHMANDU IN ADVANCE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST AIRCRAFT TO COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND NEPALESE OFFICIALS SO THAT ONLOAD OPERATIONS CAN GO AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. FIRST AIRCRAFT WITH SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL ARRIVE KATHMANDU 10 APRIL; AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART 11 APRIL WITH NEPALESE ADVANCE PARTY. SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN AT KATHMANDU UNTIL COMPLETION OF NEPALESE AIRLIFT.

REQUEST VISA REQUIREMENTS AND LANDING/OVERFLIGHT LEAD TIME BE WAIVED FOR US AIRCREWS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL. THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES OASD/ISA AND STATE DEPT APPROVAL OF THIS TRAVEL AS REQUIRED BY THE USAF FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE.

4. FOR NEW DELHI AND TEHRAN: SINCE THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE REFUELING AND PERSONNEL CANNOT REMAIN ON BOARD DURING REFUELING OPERATIONS, REQUEST YOU PARALLEL UN SECRETARIAT APPROACH AND ASK HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS TO ESTABLISH A CONTROLLED HOLDING AREA NEAR THE POINT WHERE REFUELING WILL TAKE PLACE. ADDITIONALLY, SINCE THE PERSONNEL WOULD REMAIN IN SUCH A CONTROLLED HOLDING AREA, REQUEST YOU SEEK WAIVER OF VISA AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS. UNCLASSIFIED

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5. FOR NEW DELHI: REQUEST PLANE SIDE VISAS BE PROVIDED OR WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRCREW MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, APPROXIMATELY TWO TO FIVE SUPPORT PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED AT NEW DELHI FOR THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION. THEY WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE ON THE FIRST AIRCRAFT AND WILL ALSO REQUIRE PLANESIDE VISAS OR WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENT.

6. FOR ISLAMABAD: IN PARALLEL WITH UN SECRETARIAT APPROACH TO PAKISTANI MISSION REQUEST YOU SEEK APPROVAL OF HOST COUNTRY FOR OVERFLIGHT WITHOUT LANDING IN

PAKISTAN. THE REQUIREMENT TO LAND IN PAKISTAN WOULD ONLY HAMPER THE OPERATION.

7. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: MAC WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBERS AND AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS' NAMES, AND INSTEAD WILL PROVIDE A PRIMARY AND SEVERAL ALTERNATES FOR BOTH AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS. FURTHER REQUEST THAT HOST COUNTRIES BE ASKED TO WAIVE FOR UNIFIL AIRLIFT WHATEVER RESTRICTIONS ON AMMUNITION TRANSIT AND/OR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL OVERFLIGHTS/ TRANSITS MIGHT APPLY.

8. FOR USUN: REQUEST ENSURE THAT UN SECRETARIAT HAS COVERED OR WILL COVER ABOVE POINTS WITH APPROPRIATE MISSIONS.

9. SHORT NOTICE AIRCRAFT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY HQ USAF/XOXXI WITH OUR CONCURRENCE AND THAT OF OASD/ISA. VANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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